(e) if so, by when the land acquisition will start; and

(f) whether time frame has been fixed by the Government of India to start the Vadodara-Mumbai Express Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As the feasibility study has not been completed so far, the request for qualification has not been invited.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) and (f) The process of land acquisition would be started after completion of the feasibility study and it may take about two years to complete. The work is likely to be awarded by March, 2011 and targeted to be completed by 2015.

**Progress of NH projects under the flagship NHDP**

1510. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current progress of the National Highway projects under the flagship National Highways Development Programme (NHDP);

(b) whether Government has constituted a committee to speed up completion of these projects: and

(c) if so, the recommendations of the committee and the action proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Details of the overall present status of the National Highway projects under National Highways Development Pcoject (NHDP) are enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of B. K. Chaturvedi. Member, Planning Commission to ramping up of NHDP. The committee has given wide ranging recommendations including modes of delivery of contracts, program financing, borrowings, support required from the Government, modifications in Model Concession Agreement (MCA), Request For Qualification (RFQ) and Request For Proposal (RFP). The Government has accepted the recommendations of the committee and initiated actions to implement the same.

***Statement***

*Details of Overall status of National Highway projects under NHDP, as on 31 October, 2009*

| NHDP Phases | Total Length in km | Date of Approval | Approved Cost (Expenditure till 31.10.2009) in Rs Crore | Length Completed in km | Length under Imp. | To be awarded | Likely date of Completion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I<br>GQ, EW-NS corridors, Port connectivity & others | 7,498 | 12.12.2000 | 30,300 (36009.16) | 7240 | 252 | 6 | 99% of GQ will be completed by Mar -10 |
| II<br>4/6-laning North South-East West Corridor, Others | 6,647 | 18.12.2003 | 34,339 (34080.83) | 3764 | 2227 | 657 | Dec -2010 |
| III A<br>Upgradation, 4/6-laning | 4,815 | 05.03.2005, 27.10.2006 & 12.4.2007 | 33,069 | 1045 | 2605 | 1165 | Dec-2013 |
| III B<br>Upgradation, 4/6-laning | 7,294 | 12.4.2007 | 47,557 | - | - | 7294 | Dec-2013 |
| Total phase III (phase III A + IIIB) | 12,109 | - | 80,626 (11051.97) | 1045 | 2605 | 8459 | Dec. 2013 |
| IV<br>2 - laning with paved shoulders* | 20,000 | July -2008 for 5000 km | 27,800 | - | - | - | Dec. 20 15 (as per financing plan) |
| V<br>6-laning of GQ and High density corridor | 6,500 | 05.10.2006 | 41,210 (1725.86) | 148 | 882 | 5470 | Dec -2012 |
| VI<br>Expressways | 1000 | 02.11.2006 | 16,680 (NIL) | NIL | NIL | 1000 | Dec -2015 |
| VII<br>Ring Roads, Bypasses and flyovers and other structures | 700 km of ring roads/ bypass + flyovers | 06.12.2007 | 16,680(NIL) | | 19 | 681 | Dec-2014 |